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SUBJECT: MEDIA REPORTING OF CODEL WOLFF PRESS CONFERENCE

1. FIVE OF DELHI'S SIX MAJOR ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWS-PAPERS SATURDAY MORNING JANUARY 21, GAVE PROMINENT PAGE ONE DISPLAY TO STORIES REPORTING THE CODEL WOLFF AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE OF FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 20. MAJOR EMPHASIS WAS ON THE OFFER OF PRIME MINISTER DESAI TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SOVIET UNION ON DISARMAMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. ALSO HIGHLIGHTED WAS AN INVITATION TO DESAI TO SPEAK TO THE CONGRESS WHEN HE VISITS THE U.S. POSSIBLY NEXT SPRING. THERE WAS NO COMMENTARY.

2. TYPICAL WERE THE TWO-COLUMN UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER HEADLINE IN "THE STATESMAN," "DESAI OFFERS TO MEDIATE ON DISARMAMENT", AND THE THREE COLUMN TWO-LINE HEAD IN UPPER RIGHT OF "THE TIMES OF INDIA", "MORARJI INVITED TO ADDRESS US CONGRESS." ONLY NEWSPAPER TO BUY THE STORY INSIDE WAS THE "NATIONAL HERALD" WHICH RAN A LONG SAMACHAR STORY ON PAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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SEVEN, "BUFFER BETWEEN BIG TWO."

3. THE PRESS REPORTS QUOTE CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF AS STATING THAT IN THE CODEL'S CONVERSATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER (WHICH TOOK PLACE JANUARY 18 IN THE AFTERNOON) HE HAD OFFERED TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS TO SECURE AN AGREEMENT ON DISARMAMENT,

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4. ASKED ABOUT THE U.S. CONTRACTUAL "OBLIGATION" TO
SUPPLY FUEL TO THE TARAPUR FACILITY, CONGRESSMAN
WOLFF REPORTEDLY STATED THAT WHILE HE DID NOT KNOW
WHAT SHAPE THE U.S. LEGISLATION ON NUCLEAR SUPPLIES
WOULD ULTIMATELY TAKE, THE U.S. OBJECTIVE WAS TO
STOP PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS. HE SAID IT WAS
IMPORTANT THAT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT UNDERSTAND THERE
ARE SERIOUS QUESTIONS IN THE CONGRESS ON THIS MATTER
AND THAT THESE WOULD BE RAISED. HE DECLINED TO STATE
WHAT THE ULTIMATE EFFECT MIGHT BE ON THE U.S. CONTRACT.

5. THE PRESS REPORTS ALSO QUOTE WOLFF AS
STATING, "WE ISSUED AN INVITATION TO HIM (DESAI)
TO COME BEFORE THE CONGRESS TO EXPLAIN HIS POSITION
(ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE)." DESAI "THOUGHT HE
COULD CONVINCE US THAT HE WAS RIGHT, HOWEVER, IF
WE COULD NOT BE CONVINCED HE WOULD OFFER TO BE
CONVINCED HIMSELF," ONE NEWSPAPER REPORT CONTINUED.

6. OTHER MATTERS REPORTED ON ON IN THE PRESS REPORTS
WERE THE CONGRESSMAN'S COMMENTS ON A PROPOSAL TO
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INDIA'S EFFORTS IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD.
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